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FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1

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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELLE'S
MEETING AT QUAI

1. QUAI AFRICAN DIRECTOR GEORGY

CONFIRMED TO ME THE FRENCH INTENTION TO GIVE US FULL
DIPLOMATIC COOPERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE OAU SUMMIT
ON ANGOLA. GEORGY SAID THAT THE BASIC US AND FRENCH
POSITIONS ON ANGOLA ARE VERY CLOSE. HE STRESSED THE
IMPORTANCE OF BUCKING UP THE AFRICAN MODERATES, WHOSE
BACKBONE, AS USUAL, NEEDS TO BE STRENGTHENED. IN THIS
CONNECTION HE NOTED A REPORT FROM BANGUI THAT MOBUTU
AND AMIN ARE EXPECTED TO CONFER THERE WITH BOKASSA ON
JANUARY 6 AND THEN MAY GO ON TO YAOUNDE TO TALK WITH
AHIDJO AND POSSIBLY BONGO IN PREPARATION FOR THE SUMMIT.

2. STRESSING THE VIEW THAT OUTSIDERS SHOULD NOT GET

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AHEAD OF THE AFRICANS THEMSELVES, GEORGY SAID FRANCE IS

AGAINST THE EC NINE'S MAKING A DEMARCHE IN AFRICAN CAPITALS, AS SUGGESTED BY THE UK, PRIOR TO THE ADDIS SUMMIT. HE SAID SUCH A MULTIATERAL APPROACH WOULD SERVE NO GOOD PURPOSE SINCE IT WOULD NOT CHANGE CURRENT AFRICAN POSITIONS AND MIGHT BE RESENTED BY THE AFRICANS AS UNWARRANTED PRESSURE FROM THE EX-COLONIAL POWERS. GEORGY THOUGHT EC (AND OTHER ACTION) SHOULD DEPEND LARGELY ON THE SUMMIT'S OUTCOME AND THAT FOR THE PRESENT, THE EC SHOULD MAINTAIN ITS "WAIT AND SEE" ATTITUDE.

3. COMMENT: GEORGY NEEDS SOME BUCKING UP HIMSELF SINCE HE DOESN'T APPEAR TO BE CONVINCED THAT MODERATE AFRICAN COORDINATION WILL HOLD UP.
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